

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Action/Consent Item:

Kentucky Writing Program Advisory Committee Membership

Applicable Statute or Regulation:

KRS 158.770, KRS 158.775

Action Question:

Should the Kentucky Board of Education approve the recommendations for the two 2005 appointments to the Kentucky Writing Program Advisory Committee?

History/Background:

Existing Policy. According to KRS 158.770, the Kentucky Board of Education shall appoint the members of an advisory committee on writing to make recommendations to the board on methods of integrating writing into the curriculum, on teacher training programs and workshops designed to facilitate the effective teaching of writing, and on use of funds allotted for teacher professional development and school grants through the Kentucky Writing Program. The majority of the membership shall be educators currently employed by local school districts or public universities.

The Writing Advisory Committee (WAC), the Kentucky Writing Project State Network, Scoring Accuracy Assurance Team members, and KY BreadNet participants nominate committee members. Because the Kentucky Writing Program incorporates various platforms for the delivery of professional development, it is important that all platforms be represented on the Writing Program Advisory Committee. It is also essential that committee members understand the necessity of writing professional development and the components of research-based professional development in the field of writing.

The terms of the members representing the far western Kentucky and central Kentucky areas ended in 2005 thus creating two vacancies on the committee.

- Ms. Barbara McGinty was nominated by the Writing Advisory Committee and by the Kentucky Writing Project State Network's university directors. Ms. McGinty is a retired administrator from McCracken County. Her most recent position with the McCracken County school system was principal of Heath High School. Ms. McGinty has supported professional development in the field of literacy instruction within her district and has been a model supporter in the western Kentucky area.
- Ms. Sandy Adams was nominated by the Writing Advisory Committee. Ms. Adams works for the Jessamine County school system and has served on the Kentucky Board of

Education's Writing Focus Group. Ms. Adams promotes inquiry-based learning in her classroom and has worked with writing project directors to model literacy instruction through an inquiry design.

Below is a chart reflecting the existing membership of the Committee plus the two proposed appointments.

Name	Role	Year Appointed
Barbara McGinty	Retired administrator – McCracken County Schools	2005
L'Tonya Crawford	Teacher – Monroe Co. Middle School	2003
Dottie Willis	Writing Coordinator - JCPS Gheens	2003
Gary McCormick	English Teacher – Ludlow High School (Ludlow Independent)	2003
Sandy Adams	Teacher – Brookside Elementary (Jessamine Co.)	2005
Rhonda Orttenburger	Teacher – Kit Carson Elementary (Madison Co.)	2004
Tim Miller	Teacher – Raceland High School; KY Breadnet Coordinator	2003
Brenda Maynard	Ins. Supervisor – Pike County Schools	2004
Jean Hicks Nancy Peterson	University Writing Project Network (WPN) Coordinators	- - - -

All serving four-year terms; Writing Project Network Coordinator is elected annually

Staff Recommendation(s) and Rationale(s):

Staff recommends appointment of the two nominated members. Advisory groups and instructional partners offered nominations for these vacancies. The proposed members have expertise in the areas of writing instruction and/or professional development. With the approval of these two new members the composition of the Writing Program Advisory Committee will continue to represent all areas of the state and all levels of education (elementary, middle, secondary, and post-secondary) in addition to representing racial and gender diversity.

Groups Consulted and Brief Summary of Responses:

Staff has consulted the Writing Advisory Committee, the Scoring Accuracy Assurance Teams, KY BreadNet participants, and current university writing project directors. The nominees are supported by all groups.

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